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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL JAPANESE REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH
BEFORE ASIA SOCIETY

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1. IN LETTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO AMBASSADOR FOR
TRANSMITTING COPY OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH, FONMIN HOTOYAMA SAID
HE WAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY REAFFIRMATION OF IMPORTANCE
US PLACED ON RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AS WELL AS BY EXPRESSION
OF US DETERMINATION TO REMAIN AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWER AND
TO CONTINUE ITS KEY ROLE IN ASIA.

2. JAPANESE PRESS HAS FOLLOWED UP INITIAL NEWS COVERAGE OF
SPEECH WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT. COMMENTATORS WELCOMED SPEECH
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AS FIRST FORMAL FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT ON ASIA OF CARTER
ADMINISTRATION. THEY FOUND MUCH THAT WAS FAMILIAR, CITING
SIMILARITIES WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S "NEW PACIFIC POLICY,"
BUT ALSO NOTED NEW US EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INCREASED
RELIANCE ON DIPLOMATIC AS OPPOSED TO MILITARY MEASURES,
AND GREATER SENSE OF US ACTIVISM TOWARDS ASIA.
EDITORIALS GENERALLY SAW SPEECH AS CALL FOR JAPANESE

ASSUMPTION OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES IN PROMOTION
OF ASIAN STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT. IN HOPEFUL TONE,
BOTH ASAHI AND MAINICHI URGED ACTIVE JAPANESE SUPPORT
OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES; YOMIURI, HOWEVER,
STRUCK MORE CAUTIOUS AND HESITANT NOTE IN DESCRIBING
NEW US ASIAN POLICY AS "GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE" BUT
INVOLVING PROBLEMS FOR JAPAN IN FORM OF INCREASED
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. SEVERAL PAPERS
SAW SPEECH AND UPCOMING VISIT TO CHINA BY SECRETARY AS
PRELUDE TO CONCRETE STEPS TOWARDS US-PRC NORMALIZATION.
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